

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 32, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 33 (previously presented)

A dressing mechanism comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the second section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each having a first side; and a predetermined portion of the first side including an adhesive located thereon; the first section and the third section being laminated materials comprising a first layer, a second intermediate layer, and a third layer; the third layer including the first side and wherein the second section includes a first margin and a second margin; the first section includes a first channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the first section for receiving the first margin; and the third section includes a second channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the third section for receiving the second margin; the second intermediate layer comprising an adhesive material; the first margin and the second margin respectively including at least one opening; the first margin engaging the second intermediate layer in the first channel and the adhesive material extending through the opening of the first margin; and the second margin engaging the second intermediate layer in the second channel and the adhesive material extending through the opening of the second margin.

Claim 34 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 33 wherein the first and third layer of the first section and the first and third layer of the third section comprise an inelastic material.

Claim 35 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 34 wherein the inelastic material is a polyester.

Claims 36 - 42, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 43 (currently amended)

A dressing mechanism comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the first section and the third section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each having a first side; a predetermined portion of the first side including an adhesive located thereon; and wherein the second section is a laminated material comprising at least a first layer, a second intermediate layer, and a third layer; ~~the third layer including the first side~~; the first

section and the third section include a first section margin and a third section margin, respectively; the second section including at least one channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the second section for receiving the margins; the second intermediate layer comprising an adhesive material; the first section margin and the ~~second~~ third section margin respectively including at least one opening; the margins engaging the second intermediate layer in the channel and the adhesive material extending through the openings of the margins.

Claim 44 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 43 wherein the first and third layer of the second section comprises an inelastic material.

Claim 45 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 44 wherein the inelastic material is a polyester.

Claim 46 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 43 wherein the second section includes at least one opening.

Claim 47 – 105, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 106 (previously presented)

The dressing of claim 33 wherein the second section includes a plurality of openings.

Claim 107 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 106 wherein the openings are of a predetermined size.

Claim 108 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 106 wherein the openings are of a predetermined shape.

Claim 109 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 108 wherein the openings of predetermined shape are spatially organized in a predetermined manner respective to each other.

Claim 110 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 43 wherein the second section includes at least one generally transparent section.

Claim 111 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 43 wherein the second section includes at least one wound irrigation mechanism.

Claim 112 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 43 wherein the second section comprises a first side and a second side; the second side capable of contacting a wound.

Claim 113 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 112 wherein the second side comprises a medicinal material.

Claim 114 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 113 wherein the medicinal material comprises zinc chromate.

Claim 115 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 113 wherein the medicinal material comprises zinc chromate impregnated in a hydrocolloid material.

Claim 116 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 113 wherein the medicinal material comprises an alginate.

Claim 117 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 116 wherein the alginate comprises one of the group consisting of calcium alginate and sodium alginate.

Claims 118 - 125, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 126 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 33 wherein the second section includes at least one generally transparent section.

Claims 127 - 138, inclusive (cancelled)

Claim 139 (previously presented)

A dressing mechanism comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the second section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section being laminated materials comprising a first layer, a second intermediate layer, and a third layer; the third layer comprising an adhesive material and wherein the second section includes a first margin and a second margin; the first section including a first channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the first section for receiving the first margin; and the third section including a second channel located between the first layer and the third layer of the third section for receiving the second margin; the second intermediate layer comprising an adhesive material; the first margin and

the second margin respectively including at least one opening; the first margin engaging the second intermediate layer in the first channel and the adhesive material extending through the at least one opening of the first margin; and the second margin engaging the second intermediate layer in the second channel and the adhesive material extending through the at least one opening of the second margin.

Claim 140 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 139 wherein the first layer of the first section and the first layer of the third section each comprise an inelastic material.

Claim 141 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 140 wherein the inelastic material is a polyester.

Claim 142 (previously presented)

The dressing of claim 139 wherein the second section includes a plurality of openings.

Claim 143 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 142 wherein the openings are of a predetermined size.

Claim 144 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 142 wherein the openings are of a predetermined shape.

Claim 145 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 144 wherein the openings of predetermined shape are spatially organized in a predetermined manner respective to each other.

Claim 146 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 139 wherein the second section includes at least one generally transparent section.

Claim 147 (cancelled)

Claim 148 (currently amended)

The A dressing mechanism of claim 147 comprising: a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the second section comprising an elastic material; the first section and the third section each being laminated materials comprising at least a first layer and a second layer; the first layer including a first side, a predetermined portion of the first side having an adhesive coating; the second layer comprising an adhesive material; and wherein the second section includes a first margin and a second margin; at least a portion of said first margin being located between the

first side of the first layer and the second layer of said first section; and wherein at least a portion of said second margin is located between the first side of the first layer and the second layer of said third section and wherein the second section includes a plurality of openings of a predetermined size.

Claim 149 (previously presented)

The dressing of claim 148 wherein the openings are of a predetermined shape.

Claim 150 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 149 wherein the openings of predetermined shape are spatially organized in a predetermined manner respective to each other.

Claim 151 (cancelled)

Claim 152 (currently amended)

~~The A dressing mechanism of claim 151 comprising:~~ a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the first section and the third section comprising an elastic material; the second section including a first margin and a second margin; the second section being a laminated material comprising at least a first layer and a second layer, the first layer including a first side, a predetermined portion of the first side having an adhesive coating; at least a portion of said first section being located between the first side of the first layer and the second layer at the first margin; and at least a portion of said third section being located between the first side of the first layer and the second layer at said second margin and wherein the second section includes at least one opening having a predetermined size.

Claim 153 (currently amended)

~~The A dressing mechanism of claim 151 comprising:~~ a first section, a second section, and a third section; the first section being coupled to the second section and the second section being coupled to the third section; the first section and the third section comprising an elastic material; the second section including a first margin and a second margin; the second section being a laminated material comprising at least a first layer and a second layer, the first layer including a first side, a predetermined portion of the first side having an adhesive coating; at least a portion of said first section being located between the first side of the first layer and the second layer at the first margin; and at least a portion of said third section being located between the first side of the first layer and

the second layer at said second margin and wherein the first section and the third section each include at least one opening having a predetermined shape.

Claim 154 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 153 wherein the openings of predetermined shape are spatially organized in a predetermined manner respective to each other.

Claim 155 (currently amended)

The dressing mechanism of claim ~~154~~ 152 where the second layer of the second section comprises a first side and a second side; the second side capable of contacting a wound.

Claim 156 (previously presented)

The dressing mechanism of claim 155 wherein the second side comprises a medicinal material.

Claim 157 (previously presented)

The medicinal material of claim 156 comprising zinc chromate.

Claim 158 (previously presented)

The medicinal material of claim 156 comprising zinc chromate impregnated in a hydrocolloid material.

Claim 159 (previously presented)

The medicinal material of claim 156 comprising an alginate.

Claim 160 (previously presented)

The alginate of claim 159 selected from the group consisting of calcium alginate and sodium alginate.